

# THE CROSSING

## Roxbury Community College

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#### ❖ ***RCC 2012 Commencement Features Largest Number of Graduates Ever***

Commencement Speaker, Steve Pemberton, Chief Diversity Officer and Divisional Vice-President for Walgreens, had the added distinction of addressing the largest ever graduating class and their guests. More than 350 graduates received Associate degrees or Certificates. Dr. Hubert Jones, Dean Emeritus of the Boston University School of Social Work, received the Community Service Award. Greetings were extended to the audience by RCC President, Dr. Terrence A. Gomes and Professor David S. Barron, Esq., on behalf of the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education.

#### ❖ ***Liz Walker Headlines RCC's 7th Annual Scholarship Breakfast***

Liz Walker, an award-winning television journalist, documentary film producer, entrepreneur, and humanitarian currently working in war-torn Sudan moderated a distinguished panel at the College's 7th Annual Scholarship Breakfast. The panel was titled *Cultivating Leadership in Communities of Color: Education, Opportunity, and Impact*. The panelists included Alba Alvarez-Cote, Director of Business Development for the Foundation for Financial Education; Dr. Shani Dowd, Director of Culture InSight of the Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation; Jackie Glenn, Global Chief Diversity Officer for EMC Corporation; Juliette Mayers, Executive Director of Multicultural Marketing at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; and Linda A. Watters, Vice President of Government Relations for John Hancock Financial Services in Boston. The Annual Breakfast, sponsored by the RCC Foundation, raises funds to support RCC's Scholarship Program.

#### ❖ ***Community Forum Brings Prospective Students to RCC***

The Roxbury Adult Literacy Coalition, made up of organizations including the Dudley Literacy Center, La Alianza Hispana, Vine Street Community Center, and World Education held a Community Forum at the College earlier this month. Charles Diggs, Dean of Enrollment Management welcomed participants, who listened to a panel of students who began their successful college careers at RCC. Participants also received information on admissions and financial aid and attended mock classes.

#### ❖ ***Corporate and Community Education Offers Veterinary Assistant Program***

Animal lovers, kennel workers or anyone else who enjoys helping animals are encouraged to enroll in the Veterinary Assistant Program offered through the Division of Corporate and Community Education at Roxbury Community College. With pet ownership on the rise, skilled veterinary assistants are in great demand. The U.S. Department of Labor identified veterinary assistants as one of the fastest growing professions. The next Veterinary Assistant Program starts on August 8th. An information session about the Program will be held at RCC on July 17th at 6:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 121.

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### ❖ ***Record Number of RCC Faculty and Staff Attend Two Professional Development Days***

A record number of faculty and staff attended last month's Title III Professional Development Day and the 7th Annual Learning Academy. Attendance reached 88 on May 22nd and 97 on the 23rd. Dr. Ellie Kutz from UMass Boston gave the keynote, titled *Supporting Inquiry With Educational Technology*. Participants were able to choose from a variety of workshops including classroom management, assessment, and classroom technology.

### ❖ ***RCC is College of Choice***

For Jefferson St. Cloud, the 2012 valedictorian of Boston Adult Technical Academy (BATA), the choice of which college to attend was clear. He chose Roxbury Community College. Jefferson was featured along with this year's 38 other Boston Public High School valedictorians featured in the June 10th Metro section of the Boston Sunday Globe. Roxbury Community College was named among the list of colleges that the valedictorians plan to attend along with Harvard, Stanford, Northeastern, and Brown.

## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS

### ❖ ***Patrick Jean-Louis Heads Organization Bringing Relief to Haitian Town***

Patrick Jean-Louis, Chief Information Officer of the IT Department at Roxbury Community College has been working tirelessly as President of the Committee for the Advancement of Gressier-Haiti (CAGH). Gressier is a small town of about 75,000 inhabitants approximately 12.5 miles west of Port-au-Prince, Haiti's capital. The mission of CAGH is to improve the quality of life for the people of Gressier and its surroundings through education, basic healthcare, environmental protection, and economic growth initiatives. During the weekend of June 22nd through the 24th there will be a reopening celebration of the CAGH Community Center and the Health Clinic. Please visit [www.gressier.org](http://www.gressier.org) for more information about CAGH or to make a donation.